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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed on January 10, 2008, please consider the above-identified application as follows:

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